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Fun is Close at Hand in Fairfax County Parks

You don't have to look very far to find fun at hand at area parks. February is a short month but long on learning and adventure at several Fairfax County Park Authority sites!

On Friday, February 17, 2006 "little acorns" will flock to Hidden Oaks Nature Center to learn about winter birds. Through finger plays, stories, activities and, weather-permitting, an outside exploration, the naturalist stimulates children's natural curiosity. This program, presented at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m., is appropriate for youngsters ages two and three. Cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration and payment are required. For information and registration call 703-941-1065.

Hidden Oaks may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 52B which is Little River Turnpike or Route 236 east to the first traffic light at Hummer Road. Turn left on Hummer Road and then left at the entrance for Annandale Community Park.

Learn your insect ABCs at Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, February 18, 2006 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Get an up-close look at butterfly wings and make fantastic bug headbands to wear while we dance the insect hokey-pokey. This program is suitable for children age three to five with an accompanying adult. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information call 703-642-5173.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. From I-495 take Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike East) Travel 3.5 miles. Turn left on Braddock Road. Drive 2/10ths mile and turn right onto Witch Hazel Road.

Cub Run RECenter offers Fossils, Bones, Rocks and Teeth on Saturday, February 18th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Look at the characteristics of animals that get preserved and learn what they can tell us. Study rocks and learn how they offer clues to the life and times of the ancient animals, like dinosaurs, that once lived on earth. Create a fossil to take home. This program is appropriate for children five and older, accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$7 per child. For more information call 703-817-9407. Cub Run RECenter is located at 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, VA.

From the Beltway & I-6 go 11 miles to the exit at Sully Road / VA-28 N via Exit 53B. Merge right onto Westfields Blvd West exit. Turn slight right onto Stonecroft Blvd and drive about 1.8 miles to the entrance on left (next to Westfields High School).

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